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## 'CIA Could Use Overhaul'

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WASHINGTON (N. Y. News) — It can be said without fear of White House contradiction that Vice Admiral William F. Raborn was picked by President Johnson to head the vital Central Intelligence Agency, not because of his military background but because of his outstanding administrative ability.

The chances are also that Johnson is depending on his new CIA chief to use his persuasive technique as an administrator (pretty much similar to LBJ's "let us reason together" soft sell) to straighten out what has become an almost scandalous mess in this country's intelligence gathering activities.

EACH BRANCH of the armed services has its own intelligence operation as does the state department and, believe it or not, the U. S. Information Service (at least in South Viet Nam).

It has to be granted that retiring CIA chief John McCone tried, in his three and a half years in office to end the petty jealousies, rivalries and contradictory "evaluations" which spring from these spy-boy units over which the CIA had no control.

McCone has a modicum of success, but his first job was to straighten out the CIA itself which had become under "master spy" Allen Dulles' regime of eight years an ad-

ministrative monstrosity. Dulles was a brilliant intelligence operator, but a lousy administrator.

THE NEW military editor, Jerry Greene, recently returned from the Southeast Asia war area. "The Spooks," as he calls our intelligence operatives, "are falling all over themselves out there and they still don't know what the Viet Cong is doing or are up to."

Greene substantiates entirely a description of U. S. intelligence operations in Viet Nam by Malcolm W. Browne who began covering the war for the Associated Press in 1961.

In his book "The New Face of War" (Dobbs-Merrill 284 pp, \$5.), Browne has this to say:

"MORE NEEDED to be known (in 1961), about this peculiar enemy (the Viet Cong) and American intelligence organizations began to proliferate. First there was the CIA. From its headquarters on the second floor of the embassy in Saigon, the CIA's 200 or so agents were divided into three groups: administrators and analysts, field observers, and infiltrators. The infiltrators were (and are) the only secret operatives of the agency. They have joined every other American official agency, they have assumed covers as civilian contractors, and for all I know, there may

even be a CIA foreign correspondent.

"THE U. S. Information Service set up an intelligence group. The U. S. Army set up the 704th military intelligence detachment, which dabbles in all kinds of things. The provost marshal's office had an intelligence outfit. The army created another intelligence unit for 'strategic intelligence.' At a lower level, the army put into operation a 'sector intelligence' unit at every one of the scores of American advisory detachments throughout South Viet Nam."

This is of course a case of federal bureaucracy functioning at its very worst.